

CUSP Drought Allowable Practices	Verification Methods/Documentation <i>*TA Checklist will be accepted as a verification method for all expenses*</i>
Drilling of new wells or repairs on existing wells if sole source of water for operation. Use of funds for upgrading to a larger pump that draws more water, up to 40 horsepower.	Written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is located or proposed to be located approving the action, per Executive Order N-7-22. Well Completion Report w/ Well Permit Number Provided.
Increased utility bills of 30% or more due to increased rates.	Utility bills showing increase in rates year-over-year or month-over-month OR written notice from utility company stating increased rates.
Surface water costs if increase from year prior.	Water bills showing increase in rates year-over-year.
Cost of hauling water for livestock.	Photos, invoices/receipts.
Lowering ag well pumps if a primary source of water is lost; installing or repairing surface water access if groundwater access is lost or limited due to drought.	Photos, invoices/receipts.
Emergency upgrades to irrigation system (paired with conservation), including pump repair, if not covered through currently available CDFA OEFI programs or USDA programs and for other emergency scenarios.	Photos, invoices/receipts, demonstrate not covered through CDFA OEFI or USDA program.
Decreased crop yields/crop loss due to less water available or impact to business; having to fallow land due to lack of water.	Photos, estimated loss of revenue, calculation of overall loss to farm business due to drought, receipt or documentation of rental agreement where land was fallowed.
Livestock loss, herd reduction, or revenue loss due to reduced access to drinking water or diminished grazing land .	Photos, estimated loss of revenue, calculation of overall loss to farm business due to drought.

Increased feed costs including having to drive further for dairies and livestock operations.	Photos, invoices/receipts for feed or mileage.
Increased labor costs or payroll for farms impacted by drought.	Employee records, receipts or bank statements.
Cost of replanting crops or replacing crops with drought tolerant varieties.	Photos, invoices/receipts.